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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0106202 A1, to Hunter, dated August 8, 2002.

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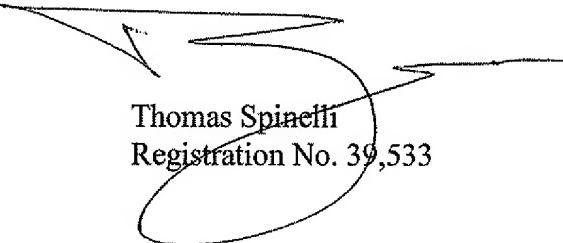
The reference was cited in an Official Action dated June 6, 2008, received from the Chinese Patent Office. A copy of the Official Action together with a translation of the Official Action is enclosed. A copy of the above-cited reference is not required under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of the reference is described in the Official Action. Please note that the other references cited in the Office Action, namely, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0118797 A1, to Matsuda, dated August 29, 2008 and U.S Patent No. US 6,433,818 B1, issued to Steinberg et al., dated August 13, 2002, were cited by the Examiner in a U.S. Office Action dated April 16, 2008.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of the Official Action in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the reference was cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the Official Action submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant also submits the requisite \$180.00 official fee pursuant to § 1.17(p) by authorization to charge deposit account 19-1013/SSMP.

Respectfully submitted,



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